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ITALY ON VERGE OF WAR WITH TEUTONS; RELATIONS MORE STRAINED

BONDHOLDERS OF HILO R. R. TO DIRECT REORGANIZATION

Committees Appointed to Work Out Plan to Save Road From Foreclosure For Failure to Pay Bond Interest—Must Find Solution in Two Weeks

Bondholders of the Hilo railroad today appointed two committees to work out a reorganization plan for the railroad as a last resort to save the road from going into hands of receivers April 1 for failure to meet two successive interest payments on its two outstanding bond issues of \$4,500,000.

This action was taken after a series of conferences attended by representatives of a majority of the bondholders of both the 1901 and 1909 issues. The identity of those who attended the conferences was not announced but it was declared they represented a large majority of the bondholders.

The two committees to which have been delegated the task of working out a solution of the Hilo railroad situation are composed of the following, one representing the holders of each issue:

1901
J. R. Galt
A. F. Judd
A. Lewis, Jr.
J. Waterhouse
1909
E. H. Wedehouse
E. I. Spalding
R. W. Shingle
A. W. T. Bottomley

Here is the official statement of the situation made to the Star-Bulletin on behalf of the conferees by E. I. Spalding, president of the Bank of Honolulu:

"Informal meetings of firms and individuals, representing a majority of the bondholders of both issues of the Hilo Railroad Company were held this morning, at which committees were appointed, one committee representing the 1901 bondholders and one committee representing the 1909 bondholders, to investigate into the physical and financial condition of the road and to draw up a plan of reorganization under which the interests of the bondholders would be safeguarded, which plan, when completed, will be submitted to formally called meetings of the holders of the respective issues of bonds."

In the 12 days between now and April 1 these eight men will decide the fate of the Hilo railroad. They have before them the alternatives of raising the \$750,000 interest due April 1—of foreclosing on the railroad's property.

What they will do on this day could officially say, but that they will allow a foreclosure on the road is doubted. As a matter of fact the road is said to have part of the money necessary to meet the payment. The problem will be to raise the balance and to make such arrangements for the future conduct of the road that it will be able to meet first-demand obligations in the future. Unless this can be accomplished, it was pointed out by one man heavily interested, any other loan will be merely good money thrown after bad.

No matter what step is taken, therefore, it is almost certain that the road will be run on a new basis in the future.

The two special committees will hold a series of conferences immediately. The plan is to work out a definite proposal in the next week and then call a meeting of every bondholder in the islands that can be reached and submit the plan for ratification. As a matter of fact what the committees decide is certain to go through.

The bonded indebtedness of the railroad consists of two issues. The first, that of 1901, amounted to \$1,000,000 in denominations of \$500 and \$1,000. For them is a first mortgage on the entire Oahu and Puna divisions and the Hilo terminal. The trustee for the bondholders is the First American Trust and Savings Company. The interest on this issue, due October 1, 1914, was defaulted. The next interest coupons are due April 1, 1915. By the terms of the issue, if two successive interest payments are defaulted, the bondholders can foreclose.

The same is true of the issue of 1909, which is known as the refunding and extension bonds and which comprises \$3,500,000. On these, too, the interest due last October was defaulted and another payment is due April 1. Foreclosure will follow a second defaulting on them as in the case of the other issue.

The 1909 issue is secured by a first mortgage on the extension to Paialo and all construction north of Hilo. The Bishop Trust Company is trustee for the bondholders.

The total interest that is payable October 1 on both issues was \$135,000. An additional \$125,000 will be due April 1, making a total of \$270,000 due two weeks from today.

There are in the neighborhood of 300 holders of bonds in the 1909 issue and nearly that number in the 1901 issue. The latter is a considerably smaller issue but the holdings are in much lesser amounts.

The members of both committees were today reluctant as to their plans or the transactions of the meetings that culminated in this morning's action.

"Under the terms of both trust

NO PROTESTS ON SUNDAY 'MOVIES'; BILL APPROVED

House Committee Finds Public Apparently Indifferent and Comments Bitingly

Because citizens of this city failed to attend the public hearing on the bill, the health and police committee of the house recommended today that Representative Fender's bill to allow moving picture theaters to run on Sunday passes. The report, in part, is as follows:

"It seems to your committee that the public was indifferent whether the bill should pass or not, as but one or two citizens attended the meeting. Your committee feels from the nature of the entertainment set forth in the bill, namely, of the scenic, educational or biblical character, is beneficial to a community, and more especially in Hawaii."

"It would be the means of keeping certain young men from indulging in card playing, visiting blind pigs and other amusements not fit for the young people of our country to indulge in."

"Your committee finds that the cities of Sacramento, Portland, San Diego and other cities of the mainland have no law governing moving picture shows."

"Your committee finds that a quiet moving picture show of the nature named within the bill is far less of a violation of the sabbath than baseball and work allowed by law."

HOUSE FAVORS BILL TO BRING NEWSPAPERMEN

The house bill introduced by Representative Watkins yesterday to appropriate \$5000 to bring newspapermen to Hawaii with the congressional party next month went through second reading in the house today, on special order, by a unanimous vote and was placed on the calendar for final reading in the lower body tomorrow.

In asking for passage of the bill, Representative Watkins declared that the \$5000 expended to bring newspapermen to Hawaii would result in more good, in the way of publicity, for the islands than the \$30,000 expended to bring the congressmen here. Lyman offered an amendment to have the governor and the delegate select the personnel of the newspaper party, but when Watkins explained that the two Honolulu papers were in a better position, through their Washington correspondents, to name the newspapermen who can do the islands the most good, the house killed Lyman's amendment.

HEARING TONIGHT ON OAHU ELECTION DATES

The Oahu senate committee has called a public meeting for 8 o'clock this evening at the senate chamber to discuss house bill 27, which proposes changing the date of county elections so they will not occur simultaneously with the territorial elections. All persons interested on the subject are invited to attend the session and voice their opinions.

deeds, in case of default of interest, the company is given six months' grace—so that unless interest is met on April 1, there would be necessarily a foreclosure of the road," said R. W. Shingle. "It is to save this situation that the representatives of the financial interests in the city today met for the purpose of averting this disaster."

High Masonic dignitaries gathered at Alexandria, Va., to attend the fifth annual convention of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association.

PLAN COURT TO COMBAT DIVORCE AND CHILD EVIL

Men and Women Interested in Social Welfare Back Legislative Bill

WILL ASK SUPPORT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Measure Outlining Principle to Be Submitted to House and Senate

Men and women of Honolulu interested in social welfare met today to discuss a constructive plan for combating the divorce evil and marital unhappiness, as well as juvenile delinquency.

As a result of the meeting and to consideration already given the subject by some of those who called the meeting, there will be immediately presented to the legislature, the governor and the chief justice a plan for the establishment of a "court of domestic relations" in this judicial circuit.

The meeting was held in the office of A. L. C. Atkinson, Bank of Hawaii building, and attended by Judge Sanford B. Dole of the federal court, former Governor Frear, F. L. Waldron, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Attorney A. L. C. Atkinson, Mrs. P. W. Macfarlane, Mrs. M. H. Webb, Mrs. W. F. Dillingham, Mrs. J. M. Dewett, Mrs. May T. Wilcox, Mrs. George R. Carter, Mrs. Arthur G. Smith, Mrs. E. F. Bishop, Mrs. P. L. Weaver and Mrs. C. L. Bodero.

A resolution of endorsement was passed, carrying approval of a proposed legislative bill. The resolution and bill will be presented to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, the governor and the chief justice of the supreme court.

Informal discussion brought out the fact that the court, if it is established, will be modeled along the line of that of Chicago, whose workings, it was pointed out, have been generally successful. It will be a human interest court where the women social workers may get authority to go on with the probation work in which they desire to be active. Every possible effort will be made to get the truth without adhering to the strict rules of evidence. The court as described in the bill will not be governed entirely by proceedings of law, but by a duty to reconcile estranged couples and to correct juvenile troubles.

The proposed bill provides for the appointment of a judge by the governor. The judge is to receive a salary of \$350 a month and give his whole time to the work.

In discussing the matter Mrs. F. W. Macfarlane said:

"We need such a court badly. The women of Honolulu have been doing much in the social work but they have been handicapped by a lack of authority. This court, if established, will lay the foundation for the solution of the social problem."

The resolution reads as follows: "Believing in the principles of a court of domestic relations and in the practical working of such a court which aims at preventive and corrective action rather than legal or moral punishment in matters involving social welfare, juvenile delinquencies, and marital infidelities, we therefore strongly favor and earnestly urge upon the legislature of 1915 a bill which shall establish such a court, and we endorse in essential principles the bill herewith submitted."

"MRS. P. W. MACFARLANE.
"MRS. W. F. DILLINGHAM.
"MRS. G. R. CARTER.
"Committee."

\$750,000 MADE AVAILABLE FOR TERRITORY SOON

The second lot of Hawaiian bonds will be delivered to Otis & Company of Cleveland by the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Company of New York next Saturday, and the territory will then have available for public improvements a total of approximately \$750,000.

The allotments of this improvement fund, as made last fall by the government, are as follows:

For Honolulu, \$479,189; for the Hilo wharf shed and warehouse at Kuluhaie pier, \$124,000; for the Hilo wharf approach, \$24,400; for Waimea, Kauai, pier, \$2,000; for Hilo waterworks, \$7300; for school buildings, Maui, \$2181.79. Total, \$747,070.79.

The allotment for Honolulu is for wharf and harbor projects, the bulk of which is going to the construction of the new piers, Nos. 3, 9 and 10. These are to be of concrete and of more permanent character than any yet built in the islands.

HEAD OF "STEEL TRUST" IS COMING TO HAWAII



Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the Steel Trust.

Elbert H. Gary of New York, chairman and chief executive officer of the United States Steel Corporation, commonly known as the "steel trust," will arrive in Honolulu within a few days to spend several weeks' vacation here. Mrs. Gary will be with him.

News of the expected arrival of the noted steel magnate—one of the country's leading financiers—was received in Honolulu yesterday. Judge and Mrs. Gary plan to come to Honolulu after a brief visit at the San Francisco exposition. Ordinarily they go to Europe in summer, but this year the war has deterred them and they will make the trip to Hawaii instead.

Judge Gary first came into prominence as a lawyer in Chicago, where his corporation practice grew to very large proportions. He retired from law practice to become president of Federal Steel Co., and was prominently identified with the organization of the U. S. Steel Corporation. Besides holding directorships and offices in many large businesses and banks, he is a trustee of Northwestern University, member of patriotic organizations such as the Sons of the American Revolution, and has served as president of the Chicago Bar Association.

Mrs. Gary was Miss Townsend of San Francisco.

TRANSPORTS TO PHILIPPINES TO CARRY CARGOES

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—President Wilson and Secretary of War Garrison have decided to allow transports to carry goods to the Philippines which cannot otherwise be shipped. This decision was reached because of the report of Governor Harrison that "the unfortunate condition" of the Philippines is the result of lack of shipping facilities.

SHELTER TENTS TO BE SUPPLIED FOOT SOLDIERS

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Secretary of War Garrison has decided that all foot soldiers shall be supplied with shelter tents, as is now done with the cavalry. The present tents are too small, it is held.

JAPAN'S ENVOY IN PEKING IS INJURED BY FALL

E. Nioki, Japanese minister at Peking, was seriously hurt in a fall from a horse, says a special cable to the Hawaii Shippo. The doctors in charge say he will recover in time to take active part in the negotiations between China and Japan.

15,000 JAPANESE TROOPS MOBILIZING IN MANCHURIA

The Hawaii Shippo received a cable from Tokio last night stating that the 17th Okayama Division of the Japanese army is mobilizing on the Manchurian frontier to await orders from Tokio. There are 15,000 fighting men in the division.

For the first time in the history of the prison, Sing Sing's baseball team will be allowed to play outside teams this summer, all games to be played "at home."

ENGLISH PAPER FIRM AGAINST JAPAN DEMANDS

Manchester Guardian, Publishing Details, Says Plan Would Injure China

INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED

Washington, Confirming Reports, Intimates Situation Is Delicate

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]

MANCHESTER, Eng., March 18.—The Manchester Guardian today publishes what it claims is a complete list of the Japanese demands.

Commenting upon Japan's attitude as shown in these demands, the Guardian says that the general effect, if the demands are granted, will be seriously to impair the independence of China and place entire provinces under the tutelage of Japan.

"Not only were many of the most important demands omitted by Japan in the list supplied to the Powers interested," says this paper, "but others were so modified as to disguise their real character. Thus Japan does not indicate that, while she insisted that China agree not to alienate any portion of the coast or any islands off the coast to a third power, she, Japan, also retained the right to demand for herself a lease or a cession of such territory."

"Neither has Japan let it be known that she demanded exclusive mining rights in the Yangtze basin, or demanded that she be allowed to construct railroads which will seriously affect British interests."

[A. P. by Fed. Wireless]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—A statement was made from the White House today that the American representatives to Japan relative to the demands made on China were independent of those of any other power. The situation in the Orient is regarded as delicate.

JAPANESE DEMANDS SAID TO INVOLVE GRANTS OF MANY RIGHTS BY CHINESE

The Star-Bulletin publishes here with the most nearly complete statement of the Japanese demands that has reached Hawaii. This statement was secured by a newspaper correspondent in Peking. The demands in outline are believed to be as follows:

1. In relation to the Province of Shantung.
In the first place an engagement on the part of China to consent to all matters that may be agreed to between Japan and Germany regarding the imposition of all rights, interests and concessions which, by virtue of treaties or otherwise, the Germans possess in Shantung and, secondly, not to alienate or lease any pretext the province of Shantung, or any portion thereof or any island near the coast thereof.

Thirdly, to grant to Japan the right to construct a railway connecting Chefoo or Lungkow with the Tsinan-Kiaochow railway.
Fourthly, to open additional ports in the province of Shantung.

2. In relation to South Manchuria and Eastern Inner Mongolia.
First, the extension of the terms and leases of the Kuantung, South Manchuria and Antung-Mukden railways.

Secondly, the acquisition by the Japanese of the right of residence and of the ownership of land.

Thirdly, the grant to Japan of the mining rights of mines specified and also an obligation on the part of China to obtain in advance the consent of Japan before granting a railway concession to any other power, or the procuring of capital from any other power for railway construction, or the raising of a loan from any other power on the security of duties or taxes.

Fourthly, an obligation on the part of China to consult Japan before employing advisers in political, financial or military matters.

Fifthly, the transfer of the management and control of the Kirin-Changchun railway to Japan. The agreement, in principle, that at an opportune time, the Hanyehing Company be placed under Japanese and Chinese joint control. An engagement, in accordance with the principle of the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China, that "China will not alienate or lease any ports or bays on the coast of China or any island near the coast."

This communication does not mention Fukien, Anhui, Kiangsi or the Yangtze.

As old shipmates of the Pacific, Admiral and Mrs. Moore were entertained at luncheon by Jack London and his wife in their Walkik cottage yesterday. The Londons were guests of Admiral Moore when he was governor of Samoa some years ago.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IS SAID TO HAVE CROSSED PLAN OF VON BUELOW FOR AGREEMENT

PARIS DESPATCH REPORTS GERMANS IN RIVIERA PRIVATELY NOTIFIED TO LEAVE—PRZEMYSL NEARING FALL, IS RUMOR—STRONG PROTEST LODGED BY GERMAN EMBASSY AGAINST ARREST OF GERMAN CONSUL

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 18.—According to despatches from European capitals, the relations between Italy and Austria are becoming increasingly unsettled.

It is reported that Emperor Franz Josef of Austria has virtually ended all the negotiations of Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador to Italy, looking toward peace and cordial relations between the Teutonic allies and Italy.

PARIS, France, March 18.—The Germans in the Riviera district have been privately notified to leave Italy, according to a Havas News Agency despatch.

Germany Protests Against Arrest of Consul; He Declares His Innocence

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The German embassy here has lodged a protest with the United States against the arrest of William Muller, German consul at Seattle, who was apprehended yesterday together with his secretary, E. M. Schnitz, on a charge of conspiracy, it being alleged that they were attempting to corrupt a shipbuilding concern's employee to secure information supporting the statement that submarines were being shipped from the Seattle company to Canada.

The German embassy declares that the action against the consul in Seattle violates treaty obligations.

The state department has assured Ambassador von Bernstorff that a thorough investigation will be made of the matter.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 18.—The prosecuting attorney of King County, who lodged information on which notice of arrest was served on Consul Muller, denies that any treaty obligation has been violated by the action.

Consul Muller absolutely denies any criminal association with John Murdock, of the Seattle Construction & Drydock Company, or Tarnisasky.

Germans Will Retaliate For Pillaging

BERLIN, Germany, March 18.—The German official bulletins today claim that repeated Russian assaults in the eastern zone have been repulsed by the Germans. It accuses the Russian soldiery of arson and pillaging in the country over which they travel and announces the intention of the Germans to burn three Russian villages for every German village destroyed.

Rumor Przemysl Outer Forts Fall

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 18.—A report from the eastern war zone says that the outer fortifications of the Austrian stronghold of Przemysl have fallen before the besieging Russians.

German Chiefs Reported in War Council

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 18.—According to a despatch from Copenhagen, the Kaiser and Gen. Falkenhayn, chief of staff, are at Lille in a council of war with the kings of Saxony and Wurttemberg, the crown prince of Germany and others.

"THREE VILLAGES FOR ONE" TO BE GERMAN RETALIATORY PLAN

Germany's intention to visit summary retaliation upon the Russians for their pillaging of East Prussian villages is shown in the news brought today by the following cablegram from official German sources:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—German headquarters report, March 18: 'The French advance against the German position on the south slope of Loretto Height has been repulsed. French partial attacks in Champagne north of Lemoenil have been stopped by counter attacks. A renewed French attack yesterday evening was repulsed. The French sustained heavy losses.'

"In the Argonne yesterday fighting was abating. The French aviators threw bombs on the open Alsatian town of Schlestadt. Only one had any result. It fell on the lady teachers' training school, killing two children and severely wounding ten. In reply German aviators last night dropped bombs of big size on the fortress of Calais."

"In the east, Russian attacks on German positions between Ples and

the Arcyz river, as well as northeast of Przasnysz, were continued again yesterday without success. West of Szakwa the Germans made 900 prisoners and east of Szakwa one thousand prisoners, taking also four machine guns."

"Hordes of the Russian irashawehr gained cheap success by invading the most northern corner of East Prussia in the direction of Memel. They pillaged and burned villages and estates. As a retaliatory measure, for each village or estate burned down on German territory by these hordes, three villages or estates in Russian occupied territory will be set on fire. Every damage caused by fire in Memel will be answered by burning down Russian government buildings at Suwalki and other provincial capitals in German hands."

Attorneys for Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death by the murder of Mary Phagan, the Atlanta factory girl, filed in the supreme court briefs in Frank's appeal from the Georgia federal court's refusal to release him in habeas corpus proceedings. The appeal will be argued this week.

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